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FORMER GAS STATION EMPLOYEE INDICTED FOR USING STOLEN CREDIT CARD INFORMATION

SACRAMENTO, Calif.—United States Attorney McGregor W. Scott announced that PAVEL ABRAAMYAN, 25, of Rancho Cordova, California, was arrested today on an indictment returned by a federal grand jury on July 3, 2008, charging ABRAAMYAN with engaging in fraudulent transactions with unauthorized credit card numbers, possessing more than 15 unauthorized credit card numbers, and possessing credit card manufacturing devices.

This case is the product of a joint investigation by the United States Postal Inspection Service and the Roseville Police Department.

According to Assistant United States Attorneys Phil Ferrari and Sean Flynn, who are prosecuting the case, records filed in the Placer County Superior Court indicate that ABRAAMYAN was identified on a store security camera as the individual making purchases of over \$2,000 at a Roseville Babies R' Us store using credit card numbers belonging to other people. Officers made contact with these victims and learned that all of them had been customers at a Rocklin gas station where ABRAAMYAN had been an employee. When ABRAAMYAN's home was searched on April 23, 2008, officers recovered the items purchased at Babies R' Us, as well as a credit card reader and multiple credit cards.

The maximum statutory penalty for a violation of fraud in connection with credit cards is 15 years in prison. The actual sentence, however, will be determined at the discretion of the

court after consideration of the Federal Sentencing Guidelines, which take into account a number of variables and any applicable statutory sentencing factors.

The charges are only allegations and the defendant is presumed innocent until and unless proven guilty beyond a reasonable doubt.

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